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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K. C. I. E., C. S. I.,) in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesly, V. K. Kutty, P. P. Devassy, A. T. Kunhipalu, T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad and Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PANCHAYAT WORKS EXECUTED DURING THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE PRESENT MINISTER

269. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the list of works executed departmentally by each Panchayat during the tenure of office of the present Hon'ble Minister;

(*b*) the amount involved in each case;

(*c*) the names and designations of the officers who conducted check-measurements in each case;

(*d*) the works which have to be reconstructed again after drawing of the amounts needed after the completion of the works in each case ;

(*e*) the names of the Panchayats and the Presidents to whom such departmental works were entrusted ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The time and labour involved in collecting the statistics will not be commensurate with the public benefit to be derived from it.

(*d*) None.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*d*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether a work executed in the Tiruvilwamala Panchayat area departmentally collapsed and money was allotted to it again ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether it is very difficult to give the particulars of work done departmentally within the last three years ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Very difficult means, it involves a lot of time and work to take the figures for the last three years. Somewhere about 500 or 600 works might have been executed departmentally almost every year and each work might cost Rs. 200, 300 or 500. The collection of statistics involves a good deal of time and labour. What the Hon'ble Member really wants is answered in (*d*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Not only that.

Mr. President.—Order, order. I suggest that the Hon'ble Member may attain his object if he asks specific questions about the works which he has reason to think were not executed properly.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I have every reason to think that allotments were made more than once in many cases.

Mr. President.—Order, order. Will the Hon'ble Member specify the works on which money has been spent, as he says, unnecessarily ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I may have knowledge only of some few specific cases. There may be several cases like that.

Mr. President.— I suggest that the Hon'ble Member might specify the instances. I am trying to help the Hon'ble Member to get the information he seems to want. I am not here to argue with him.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: വടകരപ്പതി പഞ്ചായത്തിൽപെട്ട ഒരു കിണർ പ ണി പൂത്തീകരിക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പുതന്നെ അതു് ഇടിഞ്ഞുപൊളിഞ്ഞു വീണ" കുറെയധികം ന ഷ്ടം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു നാട്ടുകാർ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That question does not arise under this, because the question relates only to departmental execution of works. That is a work executed by a contractor. I don't think it comes under this question.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ആ കിണർ പണി നടത്തിയതു് വടകരപ്പതി പ ഞ്ചായത്തിൽനിന്നല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കരാർ കൊടുത്തു നടത്തിച്ചതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ആർക്കാണ" അതിന്റെ കരാറു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നതു"?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതിനു വേറെ ഒരു ചോദ്യം അയച്ചാൽ മറുപടി പറ യാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കിഴപ്പിള്ളിക്കര പഞ്ചായത്തിൽപെട്ട പന്നിക്കുളത്തി ൽനിന്നും പുഴയിലേക്കുള്ള തോട്ടിൽ ഒരു ബണ്ടു"കെട്ടിയതു" പൊട്ടിപ്പോയതിനാൽ അതു വീ ണ്ടും ഉടനെ കെട്ടണമെന്നു" നാട്ടുകാർ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതു" ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടു നേരിട്ടു നടത്തി യ പണിയല്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: നോട്ടീസ്സു" വേണം.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister, who is a popular Minister, thinks that such an evasive answer is proper for such an important question like this.

Mr. President: Order, order, that asks for an expression of opinion.

PANCHAYAT ROADS IN AKATHIYUR VILLAGE

270. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total length of the Panchayat roads in Akathiyur village of Talappalli Taluk;

(*b*) the total area of that village in square miles?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) The total length of the Panchayat road in Akathiyur village is 1 mile and 6 furlongs.

(*b*) The total area of the village is 1·92 sq. miles.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the local Panchayat has not submitted any road programme to be taken up by the Government?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I have no information. The Panchayats are given lump allotments and they are at prefect liberty to construct roads according to availablity of funds at their disposal.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether there is not pending with the Government a request that a road connecting the parayilpadam with certin elementary school called E. V. S—a way running through deep paddy fields.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I am sorry, I want notice.

ROAD METALLING IN THIRUVILLUAMALA PANCHAYAT—EXCESS GRANT FOR

271. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any excess has been given to the Panchayat President of Thiruvilluamala for road metalling;

(*b*) if so, what is the total amount and the percentage of excess;

(*c*) the percentage of excess granted to the Palayannur Panchayat for such works:

(*d*) whether the road metalling was reported to be worse than that of Palayannur Panchayat;

(*e*) whether the Thiruvilluamala Panchayat President and the Hon'ble Minister are not mutual brothers-in law;

(*f*) will Government be pleased to place the connected file on the Council table?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) to (*d*) The question is not clear as to which years road metalling the Hon'ble Member is referring to.

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